REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application with claims 1-4, 17, 18 and 23-26 being independent. Claims 1-4, 17 and 18 have been amended, and claims 23-26 have been added.

As amended, claim 1 is directed to a self-light emitting device that includes an EL element comprising a first electrode, a light emitting layer over the first electrode, and a second electrode over the light emitting layer; a film comprising an inorganic material covering the EL element; and a film comprising an organic material covering the film comprising an inorganic material.

Claim 1 and claims depending from claim 1 have been rejected as being anticipated by Jones. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because Jones fails to describe or suggest the recited structure of an EL element covered by an inorganic film that is itself covered by an organic film. Rather, Jones, with respect to Figs. 1 and 3, describes an OLED 10 that is covered by a dielectric film 150 that is covered by a metal film 175.

The action points to col. 4, lines 60-67 and col. 5, lines 1-8 of Jones as somehow describing use of the recited organic film. However, that section of Jones merely notes that hole-injecting and electron-injecting layers of the OLED 10 may be organic or inorganic materials, and that the organic light emissive layer 8 of the OLED 10 may be selected from any of a number of different materials. Nothing in that section indicates that the metal film 175 could or should be replaced with an organic film. For these reasons, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and the claims that depend from claim 1.

Independent claims 2-4 and claims that depend from them also have been rejected as being anticipated by Jones. Similarly to claim 1, claim 2 recites an EL element, an inorganic film in contact with the EL element, and an organic film in contact with the inorganic film; claim 3 recites an EL element, an organic film covering the EL element, and an inorganic film covering the organic film; and claim 4 recites an EL element, an organic film in contact with the EL element, and an inorganic film in contact with the organic film. As noted above, Jones merely describes an OLED that is covered by a dielectric film that is covered by a metal film. For at

least this reason, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-4 and the claims that depend from them.

Claims 9-12, which depend, respectively, from claims 1-4, have been rejected as being obvious over Jones in view of Sturm. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Sturm does not remedy the failure of Jones to describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims.

Independent claims 17 and 18 and claims that depend from them have been rejected as being obvious over Jones in view of Sturm. As amended, claim 17 is directed to manufacturing a self-light emitting device by forming an EL element, forming an inorganic film covering the EL element, and forming an organic film covering the inorganic film. Similarly, claim 18 is directed to manufacturing a self-light emitting device by forming an EL element, forming an organic film covering the EL element, and forming an inorganic film covering the organic film. As discussed above with respect to claims 1 and 3, Jones fails to describe or suggest the recited arrangements of EL elements and organic and inorganic films. As also noted above, Sturm does not remedy this failure of Jones. Accordingly, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Each of new claims 23-26 describes manufacturing an arrangement of an EL element, an organic film, and an inorganic film that is not described or suggested by Jones, Strum, or any combination of the two. Accordingly, applicants also request allowance of these claims.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.

Applicants ask that all claims be allowed. Enclosed is a check in the amount of $698.00 for excess claim fees, late submission of an information disclosure statement and the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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In the claims:

Claims 1-4, 17 and 18 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A self-light emitting device **[having an EL element,]** comprising:
an EL element comprising a first electrode, a light emitting layer over the first electrode, and a second electrode over the light emitting layer;
a film **[that is made of]** comprising an inorganic material covering said EL element; **[,]** and **[;]**
a film **[that is made of]** comprising an organic material covering said film [made of] comprising an inorganic material.

2. (Amended) A self-light emitting device **[having an EL element,]** comprising:
an EL element comprising a first electrode, a light emitting layer over the first electrode, and a second electrode over the light emitting layer;
a film **[that is made of]** comprising an inorganic material in contact with said EL element; **[,]** and **[;]**
a film **[that is made of]** comprising an organic material in contact with said film **[made of]** comprising an inorganic material.

3. (Amended) A self-light emitting device **[having an EL element,]** comprising:
an EL element comprising a first electrode, a light emitting layer over the first electrode, and a second electrode over the light emitting layer;
a film **[that is made of]** comprising an organic material covering said EL element; **[,]** and **[;]**
a film **[that is made of]** comprising an inorganic material covering said film **[made of]** comprising an organic material.

4. (Amended) A self-light emitting device **[having an EL element,]** comprising:
an EL element comprising a first electrode, a light emitting layer over the first electrode, and a second electrode over the light emitting layer;
a film **[that is made of]** comprising an organic material in contact with said EL element; **[,]** and
a film **[that is made of]** comprising an inorganic material in contact with said film **[made of]** comprising an organic material.

17. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a self-light emitting device **[having an EL element composed of an anode, an EL layer and a cathode,]** comprising:
forming an EL element comprising a first electrode, a light emitting layer over the first electrode, and a second electrode over the light emitting layer;

[wherein] forming a film **[made of]** comprising an inorganic material covering said EL element **[is formed]** by using a CVD method or an evaporation method**[**;**]** and

[wherein] forming a film **[made of]** comprising an organic material covering said film **[made of]** comprising said inorganic material **[is formed]** by using an ink jet method.

18. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a self-light emitting device **[having an EL element composed of an anode, an EL layer and a cathode,]** comprising:

forming an EL element comprising a first electrode, a light emitting layer over the first electrode, and a second electrode over the light emitting layer;

[wherein] forming a film **[made of]** comprising an organic material covering said EL element **[is formed]** by using an ink jet method**[**;**]** and

[wherein] forming a film **[made of]** comprising an inorganic material covering said film **[made of]** comprising said organic material **[is formed]** by using a CVD method or an evaporation method.